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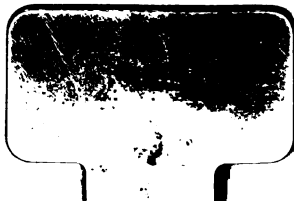
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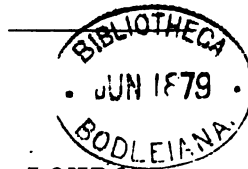
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## INTRODUCTION.

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### THE GREEK DIALECTS.

THE Greek Dialects are those provincial peculiarities of speech which distinguished the inhabitants of different districts speaking the Greek language. All the Aryan tribes who settled themselves in Greece, the islands of the Grecian Archipelago, and the Western Coast of Asia Minor, originally spoke a common language, from which subsequently arose the several provincial forms called Dialects.

These Dialects are as follows :—

ÆOLIC, with the two varieties, LESBIAN and BÆOTIAN. The former was used by Sappho and Alcæus, the latter by Myrtis and Corinna.

DORIC, spoken by the Dorians. It is essentially the Dialect used by Pindar and Theocritus.

IONIC, comprising the OLD IONIC, the NEW IONIC, and the ATTIC.

The OLD IONIC is substantially the Dialect of the Homeric Poems, in which there are also a few Æolic and several Doric

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Alexander (previously to which each independent state used its own Dialect), the ATTIC, but not in its pure form, became the general language of the whole country. This common Greek Dialect (ἡ κοινὴ διάλεκτος) became in turn distinct from the ATTIC.

The Greek Testament and the Septuagint are examples of this Dialect in its degenerate state.

## EXAMPLES OF ELISION, SYNIZESIS, ETC. IN HOMER.

*Elision*, of which Apostrophe (') is the sign, is used in the following cases :—

*αι* in the verbal endings *-μαι, -ται, -νται, -σθαι* : as  
*βούλομ' ἐγώ, ἀρέσθ' ἐπί.*

*οι* in *σοι* and *μοι*.

*a* without limitation.

*ε* in all terminations, except *-ζε* and opt. *-ειε*. The *ε* of  
*ιδέ* is never elided.

*ι* in the personal endings *-ασι, -ησι, -ουσι, -ωσι*,  
and occasionally in the Dat. sing., and *δι*, *that* ;  
never in *περί, τί*.

*ο* in *τούτο, δύο, από, ύπό*, and the verbal endings *-το*,  
*-ντο*. Exceptions, *τό* and *πρό*.

*υ* is never elided.

*Synizesis*, which is the coalition of two vowel-sounds into one, is most frequently found when *ε* is the first of the two vowels : thus—

<i>ε</i> with <i>a</i> or <i>α</i> , as <i>ἡμέας</i> .	<i>ε</i> with <i>ο</i> , as <i>πλέονες</i> .
<i>ε</i> „ <i>αι</i> „ <i>ἔσσεαι</i> .	<i>ε</i> „ <i>ω</i> „ <i>πλέον</i> .
<i>ε</i> „ <i>η</i> „ <i>χρυσέην</i> .	<i>ε</i> „ <i>οι</i> „ <i>θεοῖσιν</i> .

Other examples are also found.

*Crasis* is limited to a few cases, chiefly—

*αα* in *τάλλα* for *τὰ ἄλλα*.

*αιε* „ *κάγώ* for *καὶ ἐγώ*.

*οα* „ *ῥριστος* for *ὁ ἄριστος*.

*οε* „ *οὔμός* for *ὁ ἐμός*, *προὔπεμψα* for *προέπεμψα*.

*ουε* „ *οὔνεκα* for *οὗ ἕνεκα*.

*Diaeresis* most frequently occurs in words in which two vowels were originally separated by the digamma, and in their compounds : as *παῖς* for *πάFις*.

*Apocope*, or the rejection of a short final vowel before a word beginning with a consonant, is common in Homer with the prepositions *ἀνά*, *κατά*, *παρά*, and the conjunction *ἄρα*. It is less frequent in the case of *ἀπό* and *ὑπό*. The final consonant is assimilated to the following consonant.

*Contraction*.—Contracted vowels are frequently extended : *ā* into *aa*, *η* into *ηη*, *ο* into *οω*, *ωο* into *ωω* ; but principally in contracted verbs.

*Metathesis*, or the transposition of consonants, takes place in many words, especially in stems containing a liquid, and frequently in the case of *ρ* with a preceding vowel.

#### *Breathing.*

The rough breathing is sometimes dropped, when its syllable is strengthened by the insertion of other letters, or altered by inflection : as from *ἄλλομαι* comes *ἄλτο* ; *ἡμῖν*, *ἄμμι* ; *ἔκηλος*, *εὔκηλος* ; *ἱέραξ*, *ἱρηξ*.

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## HOMERIC DIALECT.

## VARIATION OF LETTERS.

## VOWELS.

Attic $\bar{a}$	Homeric $\tau\iota$ :	as $\alpha\iota\epsilon\acute{\omicron}\varsigma = \acute{\alpha}\epsilon\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$ , $\alpha\iota\acute{\epsilon} = \acute{\alpha}\epsilon\acute{\iota}$ , $\pi\alpha\rho\alpha\acute{\iota} = \pi\alpha\rho\acute{\alpha}$ .
„ $a$	„	$\eta$ : $\theta\omega\rho\acute{\eta}\xi = \theta\omega\rho\acute{\alpha}\xi$ , $\eta\nu\epsilon\mu\acute{\omicron}\iota\varsigma$ from $\acute{\alpha}\nu\epsilon\mu\omicron\varsigma$ . $\epsilon$ ; $\delta\acute{\upsilon}\sigma\epsilon\tau\omicron = \delta\acute{\upsilon}\sigma\alpha\tau\omicron$ , $\beta\acute{\eta}\sigma\epsilon\tau\omicron = \beta\acute{\eta}\sigma\alpha\tau\omicron$ , $\beta\acute{\epsilon}\rho\epsilon\theta\rho\omicron\nu = \beta\acute{\alpha}\rho\alpha\theta\rho\omicron\nu$ .
„ $\epsilon$	„	$\eta$ : $\tau\iota\theta\acute{\eta}\mu\epsilon\nu\omicron\varsigma = \tau\iota\theta\acute{\epsilon}\mu\epsilon\nu\omicron\varsigma$ , and especially in nouns in $-\epsilon\nu\varsigma$ before a vowel. $\epsilon\iota$ : $\kappa\epsilon\iota\nu\acute{\omicron}\varsigma = \kappa\epsilon\nu\acute{\omicron}\varsigma$ , $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\nu\epsilon\kappa\alpha = \acute{\epsilon}\nu\epsilon\kappa\alpha$ , $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\omega\varsigma = \acute{\epsilon}\omega\varsigma$ , $\acute{\epsilon}\rho\mu\epsilon\acute{\iota}\alpha\varsigma = \acute{\epsilon}\rho\mu\acute{\epsilon}\alpha\varsigma$ . Only before vowels and semi-vowels.
„ $\epsilon\iota$	„	$\epsilon$ : $\acute{\omega}\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\alpha = \acute{\omega}\kappa\acute{\epsilon}\iota\alpha$ , $\acute{\alpha}\gamma\acute{\epsilon}\rho\epsilon\sigma\theta\acute{\alpha}\iota = \acute{\alpha}\gamma\acute{\epsilon}\iota\rho\epsilon\sigma\theta\acute{\alpha}\iota$ .
„ $\epsilon\omicron$	„	$\epsilon\nu$ : $\pi\lambda\epsilon\ddot{\upsilon}\nu\epsilon\varsigma = \pi\lambda\acute{\epsilon}\omicron\nu\epsilon\varsigma$ .
„ $\epsilon\nu$	„	$\eta\nu$ : $\acute{\eta}\ddot{\upsilon} = \acute{\epsilon}\ddot{\upsilon}$ , $\acute{\eta}\ddot{\upsilon}\tau\epsilon = \acute{\epsilon}\ddot{\upsilon}\tau\epsilon$ , $\acute{\eta}\ddot{\upsilon}\kappa\omicron\mu\omicron\varsigma = \acute{\epsilon}\ddot{\upsilon}\kappa\omicron\mu\omicron\varsigma$ .
„ $\eta$	„	$\epsilon$ : in subj. mood, as $\epsilon\acute{\iota}\delta\epsilon\tau\epsilon = \epsilon\acute{\iota}\delta\eta\tau\epsilon$ .
„ $\iota$	„	$\eta$ : $\acute{\epsilon}\pi\acute{\eta}\beta\omicron\lambda\omicron\varsigma$ , compound of $\acute{\epsilon}\pi\acute{\iota}$ and $\beta\acute{\alpha}\lambda\lambda\omega$ .
„ $\omicron$	„	$\upsilon$ : $\acute{\alpha}\lambda\lambda\upsilon\delta\iota\varsigma$ from $\acute{\alpha}\lambda\lambda\omicron$ . $\omega$ : before vowels and semi-vowels, as $\Delta\acute{\iota}\acute{\omega}\nu\sigma\omicron\varsigma = \Delta\acute{\iota}\acute{\omicron}\nu\upsilon\sigma\omicron\varsigma$ , $\delta\acute{\upsilon}\omega = \delta\acute{\upsilon}\omicron$ , $\tau\rho\omega\chi\acute{\alpha}\omega = \tau\rho\omicron\chi\acute{\alpha}\omega$ . $\omicron\iota$ : $\pi\omicron\iota\acute{\eta} = \pi\acute{\omicron}\acute{\alpha}$ , $\pi\nu\omicron\iota\acute{\eta} = \pi\nu\omicron\acute{\eta}$ .

Attic ο	Homeric ου	: νοῦσος = νόσος, οὐλόμενος = ὀλόμενος, Οὔλυμπος = Ὀλυμπος.
„ ου	„ ο	: βόλεται = βούλεται, τρίπος = τρίπους.
„ ω	„ ο	: occasionally in nouns, and when it is the characteristic vowel of the subj., as ἵομεν = ἴωμεν.

## REJECTION OF VOWELS.

α at the beginning of words.

ε in κείνος for ἐκείνος, κείθεν for ἐκείθεν, ρύεσθαι for ἐρύεσθαι.

ε from ει in ἵκελος for εἵκελος.

α and ε in the middle of words.

## CHANGE OF CONSONANTS.

Attic σ = Homeric δ : ὁδμή = ὀσμή, ἰδμεν = ἴσμεν

ξ : ξύν = σύν.

„ θ = „ τ : αὔτις = αὔθις.

„ σ = „ θ : κεκορυθμένος = κεκορυσμένος.

σσ and τ are interchanged, as λίσσομαι and λίτομαι.

ρ after the augment for the sake of metre is not doubled.

## CONSONANTS INSERTED.

μ before labials to strengthen the syllable.

ν before θ in aor. 1 pass. : as ἀμπνύνθη, κρινθέντες, for κριθ., and

before other letters : as νώνυμος for νόνυμος.

σ in σμικρός for μικρός, ἐσπόμεσθα for ἐπόμεθα.

τ in πόλις, πόλεμος, and their derivatives; πτόλις, πτόλεμος.

## CONSONANTS DOUBLED IN ORDER TO LENGTHEN THE VOWELS.

π in *ὄππως* ; τ in *ὄττι*, *ὄττεο* ; κ in *πελέεκκω*.

λ after the augment in *ἐλλάβε*, *ἐλλισάμην*, &c.

μ in *ἄμμορος*, *ἔμμορε* ; ν in *ἐννεπε*.

ρ after the augment in some words.

σ in *ὄσσορς*, *ὀπίσσω*, in *ἔσσενα* after augment, in term. *σι* in third decl., as *νέκυσι* ; in places where δ is dropped before σ, as *φράσσομαι* for *φραδ-σομαι*.

## VOWELS INSERTED TO EXTEND A WORD.

α before α : as *ὀράας* for *ὀράς*, *ἐλάαν* for *ἐλάν*. Also αι before -αι, as *ἐκραίαιεν* from *κραίνω*.

η ,, η : *ῆην* for *ῆν*, *θήης* for *θῆς*.

ο ,, ω : *ὀρόω* for *ὀρό*, *βοόωσι* for *βοῶσι*, *φώω* for *φῶς*.

ω ,, ω : *ἡβώσα* for *ἡβῶσα*, *παραδρώωσι* for *παραδρῶσι*.

ο after ω : *δώομεν* for *δῶμεν*, *μνωομένω* for *μνωμένω*.

In Homer open syllables are often due to the disappearance of a primitive consonant, as *ἔεδνα* for *ἔFeδνα*, *ἐέλδεται* for *ἐFέλδεται*, *ἔϊσος* for *ἔFισος*, *ἔα* for *ἔσα* (cp. Lat. *eram*), *ἔην* for *ἔσην*, *ἠέλιος* for *ἄFέλιος*.

## THE DECLENSIONS.

Besides the case-endings peculiar to itself, the Homeric Dialect employs a suffix,  $\phi\iota(\nu)$ , added to the stem of the word, and supplying the place of the Gen. or Dat. termination both in sing. and plural.

*First Declension.*

Singular.		Plural.	
<i>Attic.</i>	<i>Homeric.</i>	<i>Attic.</i>	<i>Homeric.</i>
N. $\bar{a}$	$\eta^1$		
G. $\bar{a}\varsigma$	$\eta\varsigma$	G. $\bar{\omega}\nu$	$\bar{a}'\omega\nu, \bar{\omega}\nu, \acute{\epsilon}\omega\nu.$
	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bar{a}o \\ \omega \\ \epsilon\omega \end{array} \right.$	D. $a\iota\varsigma$	$\eta\phi\iota(\nu), \eta\varsigma.$
ou			
A. $\bar{a}\nu$	$\eta\nu$		

*Second Declension.*

Singular.		Plural.	
<i>Attic.</i>	<i>Homeric.</i>	<i>Attic.</i>	<i>Homeric.</i>
G. ou	οιο, [οο], ου.		
		D. οις	οισι(ν).

## Dual.

G. and D. Attic -οιν is Homeric -οῖν.

<sup>1</sup> Except  $\thetaεά$ , a goddess, and some proper nouns in  $\bar{a}\varsigma$ . Short  $a$  is generally unchanged, except in the case of abstract substantives in  $\epsilon\iota\bar{a}$ ,  $\omicron\iota\bar{a}$ : as  $\acute{\alpha}\lambda\eta\theta\epsilon\acute{\iota}\eta$  for Attic  $\acute{\alpha}\lambda\eta\theta\epsilon\iota\alpha$ ,  $\epsilon\upsilon\pi\lambda\omicron\iota\eta$ . Also  $\kappa\nu\acute{\iota}\sigma\eta$  for  $\kappa\nu\acute{\iota}\sigma\alpha$ , and  $\Sigma\kappa\acute{\upsilon}\lambda\lambda\eta$  for  $\Sigma\kappa\acute{\upsilon}\lambda\lambda\alpha$ . Some masculines used as epithets end in  $\bar{a}$ ; as  $\iota\pi\pi\acute{o}\tau\alpha$  for  $\iota\pi\pi\acute{o}\tau\eta\varsigma$ .

1. Homer once uses νοῦς, the contracted form of νόος. In all other cases we find the open form.

2. In Homer some proper names in -ως have a Gen. ending ο: as Gen. Πηνελεῶο, from Nom. Πηνέλεω-ς.

### *Third Declension.*

For the Attic Dat. plural in -σι(ν) Homer also used -σσι(ν), and for -οιν in the Gen. and Dat. dual, -οῖν.

In syncopated words, like ἀνὴρ, G. ἀνέρος, ἀνδρός, γαστήρ, &c., Homer either retains or rejects the ε as occasion requires. Other differences in form will be best seen from the following tables:—

## TERMINATIONS AND EXAMPLES.

### CONTRACTED NOUNS.

-ος, Neut. Gen. -εος.		Example.	
Sing.	Plural.	Sing.	Plural.
N. -ος	N. -εα <sup>1</sup>	N. γένος	N. γένεα <sup>1</sup>
G. -εος or εως	G. -εων, εσφι(ν)	G. γένεος, γένεως	G. γενέων
D. -ει or -εῖ	D. -εσσι, -εσσι, -εσφι(ν)	D. γένεϊ, γένει	D. γενέεσι(ν), γένεσσι(ν)
A. -ος	A. -εα	A. γένος	A. γένεα

<sup>1</sup> Often pronounced γένεα by Synæresis.

-ις, and ι, Gen. -ϊος (Att, εως).

Sing.	Plural.
N. -ις	N. -ιες
G. -ιος	G. -ιων
D. -ι	D. -ιεσσι
A. -ιν	A. -ις or -ιας

Sing.	Plural.
N. πόλις, πτόλις	N. πόλιες, πόληες
G. πόλιος, πόληος πτόλιος	G. πολίων, πόληων
D. πόλι, πόλει πόληϊ, πτόλεϊ	D. πολίεσσι(ν), πόληεσσι(ν)
A. πόλιν, πτόλιν	A, πόλιας, πό- ληας, πτόληας

-ας, Gen. -ας.

Sing.	Plural.
N. -ας	N. -ᾶ, -ᾷ
G. -ας	G. -ων
D. -αῖ or -αι, -α	D. -αεσσι(ν), -ασσι(ν)
A. -ας	A. -ᾶ, -ᾷ

Sing.	Plural.
N. γέρας	N. γέρᾳ
G. γέρας	G. γεράων
D. γέραϊ, γέραι	D. γεράεσσι(ν), γέρασσι(ν)
A. γέρας	A. γέρᾳ

Homer uses either the open or contracted forms of the Dat. as the verse requires.

-υς, Gen. -υος.

Sing.	Plural.
N. -υς	N. -υες
G. -υος	G. -υων
D. -υῖ, -υι	D. -υσσι(ν) -υεσσι(ν)

Example.

Sing.	Plural.
N. νέκυς	N. νέκυες
G. νέκυος, -υος	G. νεκύων
D. νέκυι	D. νέκυσσι(ν) νέκυσι(ν) νεκύεσσι(ν)

A. -υν	A. -υας, -υς	A. νέκυν	A. νέκυας, - <u>υας</u> , (γένυς, ἰχ- θῦς, con- tracted)
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-ης and -ες, Gen. -εος.			
Sing.	Plural	Sing.	Plural
N. -ης, -ες	N. -εες, -εις	N. εὐώδης	N. εὐώδεες, εὐώδεις
G. -εος	G. -εων	G. εὐώδεος	G. εὐωδέων
D. -εῖ, -ει	D. -εσι(ν), -εσσι(ν)	D. εὐώδεϊ, εὐώδει	D. εὐώδεσι(ν), -εσσι(ν)
A. -εα, - <u>εα</u>	A. -εας, - <u>εας</u>	A. εὐώδεα, εὐώδεα	A. εὐώδεας, εὐώδεας

In proper names in -κλέης, as Ἡρακλέης, the εε becomes η in oblique cases, as G. Ἡρακλήος, D. -ῆϊ, A. -ῆα, V. -εῖς.

-εως, Gen. -εος.		Example.	
Sing.	Plural	Sing.	Plural
N. -εως	N. -ηες	N. βασιλεύς	N. βασιλῆες
G. -ηος, -εος	G. -ηων	G. βασιλῆος	G. βασιλῆων
D. -ῆϊ, -εῖ	D. -ευσι(ν), -ηεσσι(ν)	D, βασιλῆϊ	D. βασιλεῦσι(ν) [ἀριστήεσσι(ν)]
A. -ηα, -εα, -η	A. -ηας	A. βασιλῆα	A. βασιλῆας
		V. βασιλεῦ	
N. Τυδεύς	N. Πηλεὺς	N. Ἀχιλεὺς	N. Ὀδυσσεὺς (σσ)
		Ἀχιλλεύς	
G. Τυδέος	G. Πηληϊός	G. Ἀχιλῆος	G. Ὀδυσῆος (σσ)
	Πηλῆος	Ἀχιλλῆος	Ὀδυσσεὺς
			Ὀδυσσέος

D. Τυδέϊ	D. Πηληϊ	D. Ἀχιλῆϊ	D. Ὀδυσῆϊ
	Πηλῆϊ	Ἀχιλλῆϊ, -εῖ	Ὀδυσσεῖ
	Πηλεῖ		
A. Τυδέα	A. Πηλέα	A. Ἀχιλῆα	A. Ὀδυσῆα (σσ)
Τυδῆ		Ἀχιλλῆα	Ὀδυσσέα
			Ὀδυσῆ
		V. Ἀχιλεῦ	V. Ὀδυσσεῦ(σσ)
		Ἀχιλλεῦ	

Nouns in *ωσ*, Gen. *ωτος*, drop *τ* of Dat. and Acc. sing., and contract the vowels: as *ιδρῶ* = *ιδρῶτα*, *ιδρῶ* = *ιδρῶτι*, *γέλω* = *γέλωτα*, *γέλω* = *γέλωτι*. *Χρώς* has always Gen. *χροός*, Dat. *χροῖ*, Acc. *χρόα*, except *χρωτός* once, and *χρώτα* once.

Nouns in *-ων*, Gen. *-ωνος*, sometimes take the short vowel *ο*: as, *Κρονίων*, Gen. *Κρονίωνος* and *-ίονος*.

Nouns in *-ως*, Gen. *-ωος*, use the open form. But the following contracted forms occur: D. *ἦρω* [A. *ἦρω*], A. *Μίνω*.

#### ANOMALOUS SUBSTANTIVES.

N. Ἄρης, the god *Ares*.

G.	Ἄρηος	Ἄρεος
D. Ἄρει	Ἄρηϊ	Ἄρεϊ
A. Ἄρην	Ἄρηα	
V.	Ἄρες	Ἄρες

Singular.	Dual.	Plural.
N. βούς, ox.	N. βόε	N. βόες
G. βοός		G. βοῶν
		D. βουσί(ν), βόεσσι(ν)
A. βοῦν [βῶν ?]	A. βόε	A. βόας, βοῦς.

Singular.	Dual.	Plural.
N. ἀρνειός, <i>a ram.</i>		N. ἄρνες
G. ἀρνειοῦ		G. ἀρνῶν, ἀρνειῶν
D. ἀρνεῖ		D. ἄρνεσι(ν), ἀρνειοῖς
A. ἄρνα, ἀρνειόν	A. ἄρνε	A. ἄρνας, ἀρνειούς.

Singular.	Plural.
N. γόνυ, <i>knee.</i>	N. γούνα, γούνατα
G. γουνός, γούνατος	G. γούνων
D.	D. γούνεσι(ν), γούνασι(-ασσι)
A. γόνυ	A. γούνα, γούνατα.

N. γρηῦς, γρηῦς, *an old woman.*

G. γραιῆς

D. γρηῖ

A. .

V. γρηῖν, γρηῖν.

Singular.	Plural.
N. δαίς, <i>banquet.</i>	N. δαῖτες
G. δαιτός, δαίτης, δαιτύος	G. δαιτῶν
D. δαιτί	D. δαίτησι
A. δαῖτα, δαίτην	A. δαῖτας.

N. δέος, *fear.*

G. δείους.

Singular.	Dual.	Plural.
N. δόρυ, <i>spear.</i>	N. δοῦρε	N. δοῦρα, δούρατα
G. δουρός, δούρατος		G. δούρων
D. δουρί, δούρατι		D. δούρεσι(ν), δούρασι(ν)
A. δόρυ	A. δοῦρε	A. δοῦρα, δούρατα.

Singular.	Plural.
N. [κάρ], κάρη, <i>the head</i> .	N. κάρᾱ, καρήατα, κάρηνα
G. κάρητος, καρήατος, κρατός, κράατος	G. κρατῶν, καρήνων
D. κάρητι, καρήατι, κρατί, κράατι	D. κρασί, κράτεσφι
A. κάρη, κρᾶτα	A. κράατα, κάρηνα.

Stems : κάρατ, κάρηατ, κρᾶατ, κρᾶτ, κάρηνο.

Singular.	Dual.	Plural.
N. λᾶας, <i>a stone</i> .	N. λᾶε	
G. λᾶος		G. λᾶων
D. λᾶϊ		D. λᾶεσσι(ν)
A. λᾶαν.		

Singular.	Dual.	Plural.
N. νῆς		N. νῆες, νέες
G. νηός, νεός	N. A. V. νῆε	G. νηῶν, νεῶν, ναῦφιν
D. νηϊ	G. D. νεοῖν	D. νηυσί, νήεσσι, ναῦφιν
A. νῆα, νέα		A. νῆας, νέας.

We have the form *ναυσί* in the compounds *ναυσικλειτός* and *ναυσικλυτός*.

Singular.	Plural.
N. ὄϊς, <i>sheep</i> .	N. ὄϊες
G. ὄϊος, οἰός	G. ὄϊων
D.	D. ὄϊεσσιν, οἷσιν, ὅεσιν
A. ὄϊν, ὄϊν	A. ὄϊς.

Singular.	Plural.
N. οὔς, <i>the ear</i> .	N. οὔατα
G. οὔατος	G.
D.	D. οὔασι
A. οὔς	A. οὔατα.

N. Πάτροκλος  
G. Πατρόκλου, -οιο, -ῆος  
D. Πατρόκλη  
A. Πάτροκλον, -ῆα  
V. Πάτροκλε, -εις.

Singular.	Plural.
N. σπέος, <i>a cave.</i>	N.
G. σπείους	G. σπείων
D. σπηῖ	D. σπέσσι, σπήεσσι
A. σπέος, σπεῖος	A.

Singular.	Plural.
N. υἱός, <i>a son.</i>	N. υῖες, υἷες, υἱεῖς
G. υἱου, υἱος, υἱέος	G. υἱῶν, υἱέων
D. υἱί, υἱεῖ, υἱεῖ	D. υἱοῖσιν, υἱάσιν
A. υἱόν, υἱά, υἱέα	A. υἱούς, υἱας, υἱέας
V. υἱέ	V. υῖες, υἱεῖς

Dual, N. υἱε.

Singular.	Plural.
N. χεῖρ, <i>the hand.</i>	
D. χερῖ	D. χείρεσιν and χέρεσιν
A. χέρα.	

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## ADJECTIVES.

υς, εια, υ. In Homer we sometimes find εη for Attic εια : as βαθέη (βαθεία, *deep*) ; sometimes also εα : as ὠκέα (ὠκέια, *swift*).

In the Gen. and Dat. εἰης and εἰη replace είας and εἶα.

εὐρύς in Homer has Acc. εὐρέα in the phrases εὐρέα πόντον and εὐρέα κόλπον ; elsewhere εὐρύν.

The forms θῆλυς, ἡδύς, and πουλύς are sometimes feminine.

ῆεις, ῆεσσα, ῆεν. The contracted form ης, ησσα, ῆν is used, but rarely.

όεις, όεσσα, όεν. The οε is contracted to ευ in λωτεῦντα. Epic for Neut. όεν is όειν.

In Homer, besides πολλός, πολλή, πολλόν, declined regularly like καλός, we also find the following forms :—

Singular.		Plural.
Masculine.	Neuter.	
N. πολύς, πουλύς	πολύ, πουλύ	N. πολέες [πολείς]
G. πολέος		G. πολέων
D.		D. πολέσι, πολέσσι, πολέεσσι
A. πολύν, πουλύν	πολύ, πουλύ	A. πολέας.

The forms of έύς, *noble*, are :—

N. έύς or ἡύς ἡύ

G. έῆος

Gen. plural, έάων, *of good things*.

A. έύν, ἡύν

The neut. ἡύ is only used in the phrase μένος ἡύ.

The adv. is εύ, but sometimes ἡύ in compounds.

ης, ες. Homer uses a fem. form εια in compounds.

## COMPARISON.

- (1) *ώτερος, ώτατος*, are sometimes used for *ότερος, ότατος*, for the sake of the metre : as *κακοξεινώτερος, λαρώτερος, διζυρώτατος*.
- (2) Adjectives in *υς* and *ρος* have comparative in *ίων* and superlative in *ιστος*, as well as the regular forms.

## ANOMALOUS FORMS.

ἀγαθός	ἀρείων, βέλτερος, φέρτερος, [λῴϊον, λῴτερον only in Neut.]	κάρτιστος φέρτατος, φέριστος
κακός	κακώτερος, κακίων, χειρό- τερος, χειρίων, χειριώτερος, ῥισσων	κάκιστος ῥκιστος ?
ὀλίγος	[ὕπ]ολίζονες	
ρήτιδος	ρήτιτερος	ρήϊστος, ρήϊτατος
βραδύς		βάρδιστος
βραχύς	βράσσων	
παχύς	πάσσων	
μᾶκρός	μάσσων	μήκιστος

*Πλέων*, Neut. *πλείων*, the comparative of *πολύς*, has the following forms in the plural :—

N. *πλέες, πλέονες, πλείονες*

*πλείους*

G. *πλεόνων*

N.A. Neut. *πλείονα*

D. *πλεόνεσσι, πλείοσι*

A. *πλέας, πλείονας*

Singular.	Plural.
N. χερείων, χέρων, χεῖρον	
G. χέρηος, χερείονος, χείρονος	N. χέρηες, χείρονες
D. χέρηϊ, χερείονι, χείρονι	Neut. χέρηα, χείρονα,
A. χέρηα, χερείονα, χείρονα	χερείονα
χερείω.	

## NUMERALS.

## CARDINAL.

Besides the regular forms of εἷς, Homer occasionally uses  
 ἰῆς = μῆς, ἰῆ = μῆ, ἰαν = μίαν, ἰῶ = ἐνί.

δυο. The epic forms of δύο are :—

N. δύω, δύο	δοιώ	δοιοί, αἱ, á
G. δύω, δύο		
D. δύω, δύο		δοιοῖς, δοιοῖσι
A. δύω, δύο	δοιώ	δοιούς, áς, á.

Alongside of τέσσαρες, -ας, Homer also uses the Æolic form,  
 πῖσρες, -ας.

Besides δώδεκα, Homer has δυνάδεκα and δυοκαίδεκα.

εἴκοσι and ἐείκοσι are both found.

τρίτος	=	τρίτατος.
τέταρτος	=	τέτρατος.
ἐννατος	=	ἐνατος, εἵνατος.
ἐβδόμος	=	ἐβδόματος.
ὅγδοος	=	ὅγδόατος.
πρῶτος	=	πρόμος.

## PRONOUNS.

## PERSONAL.

ἐγώ.

Singular.	Dual.	Plural.
N. ἐγών, ἐγώ	N. νῶϊ, νώ	N. ἄμμες, ἡμεῖς
G. ἐμεῖο, ἐμέο, ἐμεῦ, μεν, ἐμέθεν	G. νῶϊν	G. ἀμμέων, ἡμέων, ἡμέων
D. ἐμοί, μοι	D. νῶϊν	D. ἄμμιν, ἡμῖν, ἡμιν
A. ἐμέ, με	A. νῶϊ, νώ	A. ἄμμε, ἡμέας, ἡμᾶς, ἡμας.

σύ.

N. σύ, τῦ'νη	N. σφῶϊ, σφώ	N. ὕμμες, ὕμεῖς
G. σεῖο, σέο, σεῦ, τεῖο, σέθεν	G. σφῶϊν	G. ὕμμέων, ὕμέων
D. σοί, τοί, τεῖν	D. σφῶϊν	D. ὕμμιν, ὕμιν (ὕμιν)
A. σέ	A. σφῶϊ, σφώ	A. ὕμμε, ὕμέας

οὗ.

G. οἷο, εἶο, εὔ, ἔθεν [συι, ειυς]	G. σφωῖν	G. σφέων, σφέων, σφῶν
D. οἷ, οἶ, ἱν, σφίν	D. σφωῖν	D. σφίσι(ν), σφιν, σφι, σφ'
A. οἷ, ἱ, μίν	A. σφωέ	A. σφε, σφέας, σφᾶς.

Note.—ξ is used for αὐτόν, αὐτήν, αὐτό.

1. In Homer, the forms of the article which begin with τ are used instead of those of the relative: τοῦ = οὗ, τῷ = ᾧ, τοῖς = οἷς. Also, τοί, ταί = οἶ, αἶ. We also find δ = δς, δον = οῦ, ξης = ῆς, ῆσι, ῆς = αῖς.

2. The Homeric ὅστε or ὅτε is hardly to be distinguished from δς.

τις. Indefinite.		τίς. Interrogative.	
Sing.	Plural.	Sing.	Plural.
N. τις, τι	D. τέοισι	N. τίς, τί	G. τέων
G. τεο, τευ	A. ἄσσα	G. τεό, τεῦ	D. τέοισι
D. τεψ, τψ			

Singular.		Plural.	
N. ὅτις,	ὅττι	N.	ἄσσα
G. ὅτευ, ὅττεο, ὅτεο, ὅττευ		G.	ὀτέων
D. ὀτεψ, ὀτψ		D.	ὀτέοισι
A. ὅτινα		A.	ὀτινας, ἄσσα.

The other forms are the same as in Attic.

The *Possessive* pronouns have the following Epic forms:—

ἡμός, ἡ, ὄν = ἡμέτερος.

τεός, τεή, τεόν = σός.

ἑός, ἐή, ἐόν = ὅς (*suis*).

ὑμός, ἡ, ὄν = ὑμέτερος.

σφός, ἡ, ὄν, Dat. plural, σφοῖσι = σφέτερος.

νωῖτερος, α, ον.

σφωῖτερος, α, ον.

*Reflexive Pronouns.*—The compound forms ἐμαντοῦ, σεαντοῦ, ἑαντοῦ, are not used by Homer. He supplies their place by declining together the personal pronoun and the pronoun αὐτός; ἐμέ αὐτόν = ἐμαντόν, οἱ αὐτῷ = ἐαντῷ, &c.

## VERBS.

## AUGMENTS.

1. The *Syllabic Augment* may be rejected or retained at pleasure. Its use is determined by the measure of the verse, the rhythm, or euphony.

The iteratives ending in *-σκον*, *-σκόμην* never receive the augment.

2. The use of the *Temporary Augment* is as arbitrary as that of the Syllabic.

The following verbs beginning with a vowel sometimes take the Syllabic Augment in Homer:—

ἀνδάνω	εἰλω	ἐννυμι
εἶδομαι	εἶρω	εἶπον
εἶμι, <i>I shall go</i>	εἶσα	

## REDUPLICATION.

1. Reduplication in Homer is not confined to the Perf. and Pluperf. tenses, but is also used in the Aor. and Fut.

2. Reduplication is found, in addition to the common cases, in :—

1. The Future : as *κεκαδήσω*, *διδώσω*.

2. The Aorist Second, Act. and Mid., and with the reduplication continued through the moods : as *κεκάμω* from *κάμνω*, *πεπίθοιμεν* from *πείθω*, *λελαβέσθαι* from *λαμβάνω*.

3. The Syllabic Augment is in some cases added to the reduplication : as *ἐπέφραδεν* from *φράζω*, *ἐκέκλετο*, syncopated for *ἐκεκέλετο*.

4. The following verbs in Epic have the Attic reduplication in Second Aorist and Perfect :—

*Second Aorists.*

ἤκαχον, ἀκαχών, from [ἀχέω].  
 ἄλαλκον, ἀλαλκεῖν, from [ἀλέκω].  
 ἤραρον, ἀραρών, from [ἀραρίσκω].  
 ἤπαφον, ἀπαφοίμην, from [ἀπαφίσκω].  
 ἐνένιπον, ἡνίπαπον, from ἐνίπτω.  
 ὤρορε, from ὀρνυμι.  
 ἡρῦ'κακον, ἐρῦκακέειν, from ἐρῦ'κω.

*Perfects and Pluperfects.*

ἀκαχμένος, from [ἄκω obsol.].  
 ἀάλημαι, ἀάλησθαι, from ἀάομαι.  
 ἀνήνοθε, from [ἀνέθω]; ἐπενήνοθε, from [ἐνέθω].  
 ἄρηρα, ἀρηρώς, ἀραρυῖα, from [ἄρω].  
 ἀρήροται, from ἀρόω.  
 ἀκήχεμαι, 3 pers. plural ἀκηχέδεται, ἀκάχησθαι, from ἄχω.  
 ἐγρηγόρθασι, ἐγρήγορθε, from ἐγείρω.  
 ἐδηδώς, ἐδήδομαι, from [ἔδω].  
 ἐληλαμένος, ἐληλάδατο, -έδατο, from ἐλάω.  
 ἐμνήμυκε, from ἡμύω.  
 ἐρηρέδεται, from ἐρείδω.  
 ἐρέριπτο, from ἐρείπω.  
 ὀδώδειν, from ὄζω.  
 συνοχώκατε [ὄκωχα], from ἔχω.  
 οἴχωκα, παρῴχηκεν, from οἴχομαι.  
 ὀρώρεται, subj. ὀρώρηται, from ὀρνυμι.

## TENSE ENDINGS.

## ACTIVE.

*Present Tense.*

Subjunctive.		Optative.
Sing. 1 -μι : as λύωμι = λύω	1	
2 -θα : as λυθῶ = λύῃς	2	-θα : as λυοῖσθα = λύοις
3 -σι : as λύῃσι = λύῃ.	3	

Note 1.—The Second Aorist follows the Pres. in these endings.

Note 2.—The long vowels of the Plural and Dual of the Subjunctive are often shortened in Homer.

*Pluperfect.*

Sing. 1 -εα = η, ειν : as λελύκεα for λελύκη, -ειν
2 -εας, -ης = εις
3 -εε, -ει = ει.

*Infinitive.*

Pres. -έμεναι, -έμεν : as πινέμεναι, πινέμεν, for πίνειν.

## PASSIVE AND MIDDLE.

*Present Tense.*

Indicative.	Imperative.	Subjunctive.
Sing. 2 -εαι = -ῃ	-εο, -ευ = -ου	-ῃαι, -εαι = -ῃ
		3 -εται = -ῃται
Plur. 1 -μεσθα = -μεθα		
3 -αται = -νται.	Also, -οίατο = -οιντο.	

*Imperfect.*

Sing. 2 -εο, -ευ = -ου Plur. 1 -μεσθα = -μεθα 3 -ατο = -οντο

*Perfect and Pluperfect.*

Plur. 1 -μεσθα = -μεθα 3 -αται = -νται, -μένοι εἰσι.

*Future Middle.*

Indic. Sing. 2 -εαι = -η.

*Aorist Middle.*

Sing. 2 -αο = -ω. Plur. 1 -μεσθα = -μεθα. 3 -αίατο = -αντο.

*Aorist Passive.*

Sing. 1 -είω = -ῶ	Plur. 1 -είομεν = -ῶμεν
2 -ήης = -ῆς	2 -είετε = -ῆτε
3 -ήη = -ῇ	

*Infinitive Mood.*

Aor. -μεναι, -μεν = -ναι.

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*General Remarks on the Verbal Forms.*

The ending *θα* (an old form) is found in the 2nd pers. sing. Indicative of verbs in *μ*, as *διδόισθα* for *διδοῖς*; and frequently in the Subj. and Opt. of other verbs, as *ἐθέλῃσθα* for *ἐθέλῃς*, *βάλοισθα* for *βάλῃς*.

The 2nd sing. Pass. takes either the uncontracted forms *-εαι*, *-ηαι*, *-εο*, *-αο*, or the contracted forms *-ῃ* (from *-εαι*, *-ηαι*), *-εῳ* (from *-εο*), or *-ῶ* (from *-αο*).

The endings *-εαι* and *-εο* stand by the side of forms in *-εαι* and *-εῳ*.

The Subj. 3rd sing. may have the ending *-σι* affixed: as *φέρῃσι* for *φέρῃ*.

The Infinitive is formed by connecting *-μεναι* or *-μεν* to the stem by an accented *ε*: as *ἀμυνέμεναι*, *ἀμυνέμεν* for *ἀμύνειν*.

Of verbs pure, note *οὐτάμεναι* and *οὐτάμεν* for *οὐτᾶν*.

The Imperfect and Aorist Indicative take the iterative endings *-σκον*, *-σκόμην*: as *μένεσκον*, *ρίπτασκον*, *καλέεσκον*, *ρήγνυσκον*, *ἐρητύσασκε*.

*Imperfect.*

In the 2nd sing. *-εο*, *-εῳ* are used for *οὔ*.

Sometimes *-τον* and *-σθον* are used for *-την* and *-σθην* in the 3rd Dual.

The *ε* of the Imperf. is contracted to *η* (not *ει*) in the forms *ἡμαρτήτην* (*ἡμαρτέω*), *ἀπειλήτην* (*ἀπειλέω*), and *δορπήτην* (*δορπέω*).

*Future.*

Many pure verbs form a future without *σ*: as *τελέει* for

τελέσει; κορέεις for κορέσεις; ἐρύω for ἐρύσω; τανύω for τανύσω.

*Aorist.*

Some liquid verbs have  $\sigma$  in the 1st Aor. : as κείρω, ἔκερσα; [ἄρω], ἤρσα.

Some verbs which have  $\sigma$  in the Fut. form 1st Aor. without it: as χέω, Fut. χεύσω, Aor. ἔχενα or ἔχεα; καίω, Fut. καύσω; Aor. ἔκηα or ἔκεια.

The 3rd plur. Aorists 1st and 2nd Pass., ending in -ησαν, is often *shortened* into -εν: as δάμεν for ἐδάμησαν; ἔκταθεν for ἐκτάθησαν. Once we find -ην (not -εν) in μάνθην; but it may be for ἐμανθήτην, not ἐμάνθησαν.

In the Infinitive we find the endings -μεναι, -μεν, for -ναι: as ἀναβήμεναι for ἀναβῆναι; θέμεναι and θέμεν for θείναι; ἀριθμηθήμεναι (Pass.) for ἀριθμηθῆναι.

The uncontracted form εἶν is frequently found: as ἰδέειν for ἰδεῖν.

*Perfect and Pluperfect.*

In the Perfect the  $\kappa$ , usually characteristic of pure verbs, is sometimes omitted: as πεφύασι (for πεφύκασι), κεκοτηώς.

In the 3rd plural Perf. Pass. -αται is used for -νται: as βεβλήαται for βέβληνται. And -ατο in the Pluperf. and Opt. for -ντο: as πεφοβήατο for πεφόβηντο.

The Pluperf. Act. ends in εα, εας, or ης, εεν for ειν or η, εις, ει.

## CONTRACTED VERBS.

As a general rule, contraction is adopted or neglected to suit the metre.

## VERBS IN -έω.

## ACTIVE.

*Present.*

## Indicative.

## Subjunctive.

## Optative.

Sing. 1 ποιέω, κιχέω

ποιέω, -έης, &amp;c.

ποιέοιμι, &amp;c.

Plur. 1 ποιέομεν, ποιεύμεν

2 ποιέετε, πενθείετε

3 ποιέουσιν, ποιεύσιν.

*Imperfect.*

Sing. 1 }

(ἐ)ποιέον, (ἐ)ποιέον

Sing. 3 θέεν, ἥσκειν

Plur. 3 }

(ποιέσκον, ποιέεσκον)

*Infinitive*, ποιήμεναι.*Participle*, ποιέοντος, ποιεύντος.

## PASSIVE.

*Present.*

## Indicative.

## Subjunctive.

## Optative.

Sing. 1 ποιέομαι, ποιεύμαι

2 ποίεαι

ποιέωμαι, ποιεοίμην

-εη, &amp;c.

Plur. 1 ποιέομε(σ)θα, ποιεύμεσθα

3 ποιέονται, ποιεύνται.

*Imperfect.*

Sing. 1 (ἐ)ποιεόμην, (ἐ)ποιεύμην

2 (ἐ)ποιέο

Plur. 2 (ἐ)ποιεόμε(σ)θα, (ἐ)ποιεύμεσθα

3 (ἐ)ποιέοντο,

(ἐ)ποιεύντο.

## VERBS IN -άω.

## ACTIVE.

*Present.*

## Indicative.

Sing. 1	ὀράω, ὀρώω	2	ὀράας	3	ὀράα
Plur. 1	ὀρώωμεν	2	ὀράατε		
	3	ὀρώωσι, δρώωσι.			

## Subjunctive.

## Optative.

Sing. ὀρώω, ὀράας, &amp;c.

ὀρώωμι, &amp;c.

*Imperfect.*

3 Dual, προσανδήτην, ἔασκον (ἔάω), περάασκον (περάω) iterat.

## Participles.

ὀρόων, ὀρώωσα, G. ὀρόωντος.

*General Remarks.*

άω. The uncontracted forms in αε, αο, are found only in single words and forms: α sometimes becomes ε in the Imperf. tenses, as ἦντεον for ἦνταον. After contraction the contracted syllable is frequently extended anew, except before a personal ending beginning with τ. Thus:—

For ā, α Homer uses āā, āā: as μενοινᾶα = μενοινᾶ, μᾶ-  
ασθαι = μνᾶσθαι, ὀράασθαι = ὀρᾶσθαι.

For  $\bar{\omega}$  Homer uses  $\omega\omega$ ,  $\omega\omega$  : as  $\delta\rho\acute{o}\omega = \delta\rho\bar{\omega}$ ,  $\delta\rho\acute{\omega}\omega\sigma\iota = \delta\rho\bar{\omega}\sigma\iota$ .

$\bar{\omega}$  „  $\omega\psi$ ,  $\omega\iota$  : as  $\delta\rho\acute{o}\psi\mu\iota = \delta\rho\bar{\psi}\mu\iota$ ,  $\delta\rho\acute{\omega}\iota\mu\iota = \delta\rho\bar{\psi}\mu\iota$ .

*Note.*  $a\epsilon$  „  $\eta$  in 3rd dual of some verbs : so  $\delta\rho\eta\alpha\iota = \delta\rho\bar{\alpha}$  for  $\delta\rho\acute{\alpha}\epsilon\alpha\iota$ .

$\omega\eta$  „  $\omega$  in verbs in  $\acute{o}\acute{\alpha}\omega$ .

$\acute{\epsilon}\omega$ . The forms in which  $\epsilon$  is followed by  $\omega$ ,  $\psi$ ,  $\eta$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $\iota$ ,  $\omicron\upsilon$ , are not always contracted : as  $\phi\iota\lambda\acute{\epsilon}\omega\mu\epsilon\nu$ ,  $\phi\iota\lambda\acute{\epsilon}\omega\mu\iota$ , &c.

The other forms remain either open or are contracted as the verse requires.  $\epsilon\omicron$  may become  $\epsilon\nu$  : as  $\gamma\acute{\epsilon}\nu\epsilon\nu$ ,  $\acute{\alpha}\nu\tau\epsilon\omicron\nu$ , or, even when uncontracted, may be monosyllabic by synizesis.

$\epsilon$  becomes  $\epsilon\iota$  sometimes : as  $\phi\iota\lambda\acute{\epsilon}\iota\omega = \phi\iota\lambda\bar{\omega}$ .

$\epsilon\iota$  „  $\epsilon\iota$ , or one  $\epsilon$  is elided : as  $\mu\nu\theta\epsilon\acute{\iota}\alpha\iota$  or  $\mu\nu\theta\acute{\epsilon}\alpha\iota = \mu\nu\theta\acute{\epsilon}\epsilon\alpha\iota$ .

$\epsilon\epsilon$  „  $\eta$  sometimes in the 3rd Dual : as  $\delta\mu\alpha\rho\tau\acute{\eta}\tau\eta\nu$ ,  $\acute{\alpha}\pi\epsilon\iota\lambda\acute{\eta}\tau\eta\nu$ .

$\acute{o}\omega$ . Verbs in  $\acute{o}\omega$  either—

- (1) Follow the common rules of contraction ;
- (2) Do not take the contracted form, but lengthen  $\omicron$  into  $\omega$ , and thus resemble the forms of verbs in  $\acute{\alpha}\omega$ , as  $\acute{\iota}\delta\rho\acute{\omega}\omicron\nu\tau\alpha\iota$  ; or
- (3) Extend  $\omicron\omicron\upsilon$  into  $\omega\omega$ , as  $\acute{\alpha}\rho\acute{o}\omega\sigma\iota = \acute{\alpha}\rho\acute{o}\omicron\upsilon\sigma\iota = \acute{\alpha}\rho\omicron\upsilon\sigma\iota$   
 $\omicron\omicron\iota$  „  $\omicron\psi$ , as  $\delta\eta\acute{\iota}\acute{o}\psi\epsilon\nu = \delta\eta\acute{\iota}\acute{o}\omicron\upsilon\epsilon\nu = \delta\eta\acute{\iota}\acute{o}\iota\epsilon\nu$ .

*Obs.*—The extended form  $\omega\omega$  is limited to cases in which  $\omicron\upsilon$  or  $\omega$  is followed by two consonants.

## VERBS IN -μι.

The 2 pers. sing. *Pres. Indic. Act.* has the ending -σθα : as *τίθησθα* for *τίθης*, *δίδοισθα* for *δίδως*.

The 3 sing. *Subj.* has -σι : as *ιστῆσι* for *ιστῆ*, *διδῶσι* for *διδῶ*.

In the 2 and 3 sing. *Pres.* and *Impf.* forms from -έω and -όω are found : as *ἐτιθεῖ* for *ἐτίθη*, *διδόις* for *δίδως*.

In the 3 plur. *Impf.* and 2 *Aor.* the endings are shortened thus:—

- εσαν to -εν : as *ἐτιθεν* = *ἐτίθεσαν*, *ἔθεν* = *ἔθεσαν*.  
 -ησαν „ -αν : as *ἔσαν* = *ἔστησαν*, *βάν* = *ἔβησαν*.  
 -οσαν } „ -ον : as *ἔδιδον* = *ἐδίδοσαν*, *ἔδον* = *ἔδοσαν*.  
 -ωσαν }  
 -υσαν „ -ῦν : as *ἔφυν* = *ἔφυσαν*.

Homer rejects σ in the 2 Sing. *Imperative Pres.* and 2 *Aor.* Mid. : as *δαίνυο* for *δαίνυσο*.

A short stem-vowel is lengthened before the personal endings beginning with μ or ν, to suit the verse : as *τιθήμενος* for *τιθέμενος*, *διδούναι* for *διδόναι*, *ἵληθι* for *ἵλᾳθι*.

The 2 sing. Imper. Pres. of *ἵστημι* is in Homer *ἵστη*, not *ἵσταθι*.

The following forms of the Aor. 2 Subj. are used by Homer :—

Contracted form.	Extended form.
Attic.	Homeric.
Sing. 1 στήω	στήω
2 στήῃς	στήῃς
3 στήῃ	στήῃ, ἐμβήῃ, φήῃ, φθήῃ

Dual	σῆτον	παρστήητον
Plur. 1	σῶμεν	στέωμεν, στείομεν
2	σῆτε	στήετε
3	σῶσι	στείωσι
Sing. 1	θῶ	θείω, δαμείω
2	θῆς	θείης (θήρης)
3	θῇ	θείη, ἀνήη, μεθείη
Dual	θήτον	θείετον
Plur. 1	θῶμεν	θέωμεν, θέιομεν
2	θήτε	(δαμείετε) θέετε
3	θῶσι	θέωσι, θέίωσι
Sing. 1	δῶ	δῶ
2	δῶς	δῶς
3	δῶ	δώη, δώησι
Plur. 1	δῶμεν	δῶμεν, δῶομεν
3	δῶσι	δῶσι, δῶωσι.

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εἰμί.

The following Homeric forms differ from the Attic :—

*Present.*

Indic. Sing. 2	ἔσσι, εἶς	Plur. 1	εἰμέν
		3	ἔασι
Subj. Sing. 1	ἔω, εἴω	Plur. 3	ἔωσι
	3 ἔησιν, ἔη, ἦσιν		
Opt. Sing. 2	ἔοις	Plur. 2	εἴτ'
	3 ἔοι		

Imper. Sing. 2 ἔσσο

Infin. ἔμμεναι, ἔμμεναι, ἔμμεν, ἔμμεν

Partic. ἔων, ἐούσα, ἐόν.

*Imperfect.*

Sing. 1 ἔα, ἔ', ἦα, ἔον, ἔην, ἔσκον

2 ἔησθα, ἦσθα

3 ἔην, ἦην, ἦεν, ἔσκε

Plur. 3 ἔσαν, εἶατο

*Future.*

Indic. Sing. 1 ἔσομαι

2 ἔσῃ, ἔσῃ, ἔσῃ

3 ἔσσεται, ἔσεται, ἔσσειται

Plur. 1 ἐσόμεθα

2 ἐσσεσθε

3 ἐσσονται

Infin. ἐσσεσθαι

Partic. ἐσόμενος.

THE ARTICLE.

Besides the usual forms, Homer has :—

Sing.

Plur.

G. τοῖο = τοῦ

N. τοί, ταί = οἱ, αἱ

G. τῶν = τῶν

D. τοῖσι = τοῖς

Dual.

G. D. τοῖν = τοῖν

ταῖσι }  
τῇσι } = ταῖς.  
τῇς }

τοῖσδεσι, τοῖσδεσσι } = τοῖσδε from ἄδε.  
τοισίδε }

*Words in Homer which have lost an initial consonant or consonants as indicated by the metre and cognate languages.*

1. Words which have lost the digamma :—

ἄγνυμι	εἴσκω	ἔτος
ἀλῆναι	ἔκας	ἡχέω
ἄλις	ἔκαστος	ἡχή
ἄναξ	ἐλικῶπις	ἡχήεις
ἀνάσσω	ἐλιξ	ἰαχή
ἄρνες	ἐλίσσω	ἰάχω
ἄστν	ἐλπας	ἰκελος
ἔαρ	ἐλπω	ἶον
ἔθνος	ἐλπωρή	ἶς
εἶδος	ἔλωρ	ἶσος
[εἶδω]	ἐννυμι	ἴστωρ
εἶδωλον	ἔοικα	ἰτία
εἰκελος	ἔπος	ἴτυς
εἵκοσι	ἔργον	ἴφι
[εἴκω]	ἔρδω	οἶδα
εἶλαρ	ἐρινεός	οἰκέω
εἰλέω	ἔρρω	οἶκος
εἶλω	ἐσθής	οἶνος
ἔλσαι	ἔσθος	οἶνοψ
εἶμα	ἐσπέρα	ὀπί
εἰπεῖν	ἔσπερος	οὔλος.
	ἔτης	

Doubtful are : ἀλῶναι, ἀραιός, ἄρδω, ἄριστον, ἔδνα, ἔθειραι, ἔκηλος, ἔκητι, ἐκών, ἐρέω, ἐρύω, ἐτώσιος, ἦθος, ἦκα, ἦλος, ἦνοψ, ἦρα, ἥρη, ἥλιος, ἰονθάς, ἱπες, ἱρις, ἰωή, ἰωκή, οὐλαμός, ὦλξ.

2. Words which have lost the digamma before a consonant are : ῥήγνυμι, ῥέζω, ῥήτός, ῥύομαι.

3. Words which have lost both the digamma and a sigma preceding it are : ἀνδάνω, ἔθω, εἶωθα, ἐκυρός (cf. Lat. *socer*), ἡδύς, ἡδομαι, and the pronominal forms, ἔο, οἶ, ἔ, and some others.

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